

## ABSTRACT

The present invention presents an information management method wherein, when electronic data stored on a recording medium is lost for whatever reason, a user can restore this  
5 electronic data using backup information.

License information stored in a second layer  
inaccessible to a user of the recording medium is read out (Step S31) and is encrypted using a medium-specific number of the recording medium (Step S32), and the encrypted license  
10 information is stored in a third layer which the user of the recording medium can access at will (Step S33).